

# CLAIMS:

1. A carrying strap including a shoulder-engaging portion disposed between a first and a second longitudinal strap ends, said shoulder-engaging portion includes a strap length of a first curvature, wherein said shoulder-engaging portion is connected to each said longitudinal strap end via a curved strap portion of a second curvature, said second curvature being substantially opposite to said first curvature.

2. A carrying strap according to claim 1, wherein said shoulder-engaging portion includes a retracted portion for fitting between the neck and the shoulder edge of the carrying person.

3. A carrying strap according to claim 1, wherein said shoulder-engaging portion includes a concave side of said first curvature extending intermediate between said longitudinal ends, the ends of said concave side are connected to said longitudinal ends respectively via the convex side of said strap portions of said second curvature.

4. A carrying strap according to claim 1, wherein one side of the strap extending between said longitudinal ends include alternate protracted and retracted strap portions.

5. A carrying strap according to claim 1, wherein said strap includes alternate shoulder engaging surfaces having dissimilar frictional characteristics.

6. A carrying strap according to claim 5, wherein said alternate shoulder engaging surfaces include a slippery surface and an alternate non-slippery shoulder engaging surface.

7. A carrying strap according to claim 6, wherein said slippery surface is used for shoulder engaging when said carrying strap is used as a strap member in a dual strap carrying system.

8. A carrying strap according to claim 6, wherein said non-slippery surface is used for shoulder engaging when said carrying strap is used as a strap member in a single strap carrying system.

5 9. A carrying strap according to claim 6, wherein fastening means are disposed on said slippery surface of said shoulder engaging portion.

NA 10. A carrying strap according to claim 7, wherein said fastening means is for coupling with fastening means disposed on the slippery alternative shoulder engaging surface of the counterpart carrying strap member of a dual strap carrying system.

10 11. A carrying strap according to claim 1, wherein said shoulder strap portion generally forms a rounded W-shape between said longitudinal ends.

12. A carrying strap according to claim 1, wherein said strap includes a plurality of strap portions resembling the shape of a boomerang.

15 13. A carrying strap according to claim 12, wherein said shoulder strap portion include two boomerang-shape portions connected in series.

20 14. A carrying strap including a shoulder-engaging portion disposed between a first and a second longitudinal strap ends, said shoulder-engaging portion includes a retracted portion, wherein a first and a second strap portions of similar curvature are disposed respectively between said shoulder engaging portion and said first and second longitudinal ends.

15. A carrying strap according to claim 14, wherein said retracted portion includes a strap portion of a first curvature, said first and second strap portion includes a strap portion of a second curvature, said second curvature being substantially opposite to said first curvature.

25 16. A carrying strap including a shoulder strap portion disposed intermediate between a first and a second strap ends, said shoulder strap portion includes a first and a second alternative shoulder engaging surfaces, wherein said alternative shoulder engaging surfaces are disposed on opposite sides of said

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shoulder strap portion and are disposed non-symmetrically about the line joining said first and second strap ends, and said alternative shoulder engaging surfaces have dissimilar frictional shoulder engaging characteristics.

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17. A strap carrying system including a first and a second carrying strap members of claim 1, wherein the shoulder strap portions of said first and second strap members include alternative shoulder engaging surfaces of dissimilar shoulder engaging characteristics.

18. A golf bag including a strap carrying system of claim 17.

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19. A carrying strap assembly including a first and a second elongated strap members which are connectable to a load via detachable connecting means, said strap members have a first set of shoulder engaging surfaces for engaging the left and right shoulders of a carrying person when said straps are configured as a dual shoulder-loop carrying strap system, wherein each said shoulder engaging surface is non-symmetrical about its longitudinal centre line and said first set of shoulder engaging surfaces are substantially mirror symmetrical to each other and said shoulder engaging surfaces are detachably fastenable to each other so that both shoulder engaging surfaces are substantially mutually overlapping.

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20. A carrying strap assembly according to claim 19, wherein said first and said second strap members are connectable near the ends by a detachable connecting means.

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